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This transmittal is to make users aware of an updated Section III, Quality Criteria, in the Missouri eFOTG.

Implementation of Farm Bill programs will focus attention on natural resource concerns and quality criteria contained in Section III of the eFOTG. A recent national review revealed needed improvements in format and content among states. As a result, the National Technical Guide Committee developed guidance for states to use in reviewing and updating quality criteria that included: 1) a standard format and consistent terminology, 2) facilitated sharing and coordination of criteria between states and regions, and 3) improved flow of user-friendly information to Technical Service Providers and other users.

The new national format contains revised definitions, new concerns, and expanded assessment tools. The "Natural Resource Concerns," "Description of Concerns," and "National Quality Criteria" columns are now the same for every state. "State Quality Criteria" and "Assessment Tools for Quality Criteria Evaluation" columns can be adjusted state-by-state based on needs and current technology.

If you would like more information on these quality criteria, please contact Douglas Wallace by phone at 573-876-0908 or by email at doug.wallace@mo.usda.gov.

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